

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF SPECIFICATIONS

The specification has been amended in the Brief Description of the Figures section as required to correspond to drawing changes under 37 CFR 1.84 (h) as indicated in the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, Form PTO-948. In particular, paragraphs [0024], [0027], [0028] and [0031] have been amended with replacement paragraphs as shown above.

II. STATUS OF DRAWINGS

The drawings have been amended with replacement drawings to meet required changes indicated on the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, Form PTO-948. Figures 5, 7, 8 and 11 have been amended to separately and properly label views in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(h). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Draftsperson objections and for acceptance of the drawings as submitted with this amendment.

III. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

After entry of the above amendments, claims 7-25 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-6 have been canceled and Claims 7-25 have been added without adding new matter.

Claims 2, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Paragraph 2 (hereinafter, "Section 112, Par. 2") as being indefinite.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 (hereinafter, "Section 101") for disclosing non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) (hereinafter, "Section 102(a)") as being unpatentable over Hazlehurst et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,003,020, hereinafter, "Hazelhurst")

Applicant respectfully traverses rejections of Claims 1-6 and requests consideration and allowance of Claims 7-25.

IV. REJECTION UNDER SECTION 112, PAR. 2

Claims 2, 5, and 6 were rejected under Section 112, Par. 2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In rejecting these claims, Examiner states:

"The term 'concern' in claims 5 and six is a relative term which renders the claims indefinite. The term 'concern' is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. The indefinite psychological term is used to define definite axes and integral points of relativity, without providing clear support or definition respective of the term's usage.

Claim 2 provides for a 'method of managing knowledge within an organization', but, since the claim does not set forth any steps involved in the method/process, it is unclear what method/process applicant is intending to encompass. A claim is indefinite where it merely recites a use without any active, positive steps delimiting how this use is actually practiced."

Claim 2 has been canceled from the present application. As recited in new Claim 22, there is "a method of sharing knowledge". Claim 22 states in detail three elements for the method of sharing knowledge. Accordingly, new Claim 22 sets forth active steps involved in the method. In regard to Claims 5 and 6, Applicant respectfully points out that the

“dimensions of concern” do not refer to a psychological construct but rather refer to the set of rules by which knowledge fragments may be shared across multiple content hubs.

“Dimensions of concern” are now recited in new claims 13-17. These rules are defined for a community of knowledge users, and are built on the basis of a formal methodology, which is referred to in Applicant’s specification. (See paragraphs 0027-0029, 0087-0093, and 0100-0107). For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses examiner’s rejection of Claims 2, 5, and 6 and requests allowance of the new Claim 22 and remaining claims.

V. REJECTION UNDER SECTION 101

Claim 2 was rejected under Section 101 because the invention as disclosed in the claim is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In rejecting Claim 2, examiner states:

“While the claim is in the technological arts, it is not limited to practical applications in the technological arts. Specifically, the claim addresses a series of steps to be performed on a computer system, but the ideas are disclosed abstractly from any particular practical application. Claim 2 focuses on ‘method of managing knowledge within an organization’, but fails to provide the necessary steps encompassing the claimed process.”

As mentioned above, Applicant has canceled Claim 2 and added new Claim 22.

Claim 22 teaches a “method for sharing knowledge” that comprises three distinct elements.

Claim 22, and every other claim within the application are related to the technological arts and disclose a practical application for knowledge management. For theses reasons,

Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under Section 101 and requests allowance for new Claim 22.

VI. REJECTION UNDER SECTION 102(a), HAZELHURST

Claim 1 was rejected under Section 102(a) as being anticipated by Hazelhurst. Examiner stated that Hazelhurst teaches of a method of managing knowledge within an organization comprising of all the elements referred to in Claim 1. By the present amendment, Claim 1 has been canceled and replaced with claims 7-25. Applicant respectfully submits that Hazelhurst does not anticipate Claim 7-25 for the reasons stated below:

Hazelhurst

Hazelhurst allows for the intelligent profiling of users by maximizing facts or information about them, through logical inferencing and thereby increases the utility of information collected in user profiles. (Hazelhurst, Summary of the Invention). The user needs to feed in only a limited number of facts about himself/herself, and the system is able to a) infer facts, based on domain-specific models b) prompt for further facts only when the system faces a 'lack of data on the user' c) anticipate relevance of further questioning or information based on the 'fact' profile recorded about the user. (Hazelhurst, col. 1, ln. 47- col. 2, ln. 33; col. 4, ln. 21-26; col. 9, ln. 21-28; col. 10, ln. 41-46).

New Claims 7 and 22

Claim 1 has been cancelled from the present application. New independent Claim 7 recites a "system for managing knowledge". In contrast to Hazelhurst, Claim 7 requires the limitation of "knowledge encounter maps for selecting an appropriate INDOC tool corresponding to a knowledge need or a knowledge sharing situation; wherein, the tacit knowledge created by a user in a context presented by an INDOC tool is shared and

distributed to other users accessing the same tacit knowledge in another context represented by another INDOC tool by meaningful re-contextualization of tacit knowledge fragments from one point of use to another”. Hazlehurst does not teach this creation, sharing and distribution of knowledge among different contexts but rather only prompts a user, by the request of administrator, to enter information/facts and simply records or prompts for more information. Applicant teaches of tacit knowledge created by a user in one context is shared and distributed to other users in another context. Since at least such elements are not taught by Hazlehurst, Claim 7 is patentably distinct from this reference.

New Claim 22 recites a “method of sharing knowledge”. Claim 22 further requires the limitation that “the knowledge fragment is relevantly passed between content hubs based on a communication and sharing protocol and retrieved from a different InDoc tool around a different outcome.” Hazelhurst fails to teach such a limitation and therefore does not teach each and every element of Claim 22.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 7 and 22 are patentable over Hazelhurst.

VII. NEW CLAIMS 7-25

New Claims 7-25 have been added to correct the deficiencies of previous claims and to further claim the invention more extensively without adding new matter. Independent Claims 7 and 22, are believed allowable over the cited art. As mentioned above, Hazlehurst is dedicated to achieving its own respective goals and simply does not teach or even suggest every element of new Claims 7 and 22. Dependent Claims 8-21 and 23-25 include all limitations of their respective base Claim 7 and 22. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully

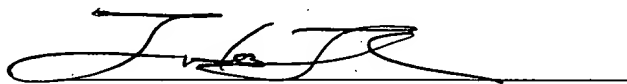
submits that these dependent claims are all allowable over the cited art for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are further allowable for the limitations that they themselves recite. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new Claims 7-25 are allowable.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The above-discussed amendments and remarks are believed to place the present Application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above amendments, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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